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SUBJECT: SIXTH COMMITTEE (LEGAL) -- SEATING OF PLO AND

PLO STATEMENT ON ILC REPORT

1. WHEN CHAIRMAN (MENDOZA) OF COMMITTEE CALLED UPON PLO TO SPEAK ON REPORT OF INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION, ISRAEL OBJECTED THAT REPRESENTATIVE OF PLO (HOSNI) NOT SITTING IN HIS DESIGNATED SEAT OFF THE FLOOR BUT AT AN UNMARKED SEAT IN SAME ROW AS MEMBER STATES. HOSNI RESPONDED HE HAD BEEN IN HOSPITAL LAST THREE DAYS AND HIS BACK NEEDED SUPPORT THESE CHAIRS OFFERED. HE SAID HIS DIFFICULTIES WERE RESULT OF BEATINGS HE HAD RECEIVED AT HANDS OF LOCAL POPULACE. ISRAEL PERSISTED IN ITS POINT OF ORDER. CHAIRMAN RULED THAT PLO COULD REMAIN IN SEAT BECAUSE OF HIS PHYSICAL PROBLEM. CHAIR'S RULING WAS NOT CHALLENGED BUT UK SAID IT UNDERSTOOD DECISION TO BE AN AD HOC DECISION BASED ON HOSNI'S PHYSICAL PROBLEM AND ONE THAT WOULD NOT SET A PRECEDENT.

2. AFTER DISCUSSION OF SEATING ARRANGEMENTS, PLO SPOKE AT LENGTH ON NON-NAVIGATIONAL USES OF INTERNATIONAL WATERCOURSES ("NNU") BEGAN WITH CRITICISM OF  
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SECRETARIAT FOR FAILURE TO INCLUDE A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT

ARABIC WORKS (INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR SPEAKER'S DOCTORAL DISSERTATION) IN BIBLIOGRAPHY ON NNU. ALSO CRITICIZED FORM OF QUESTIONS. REGARDING SUBSTANCE OF NNU, ARGUED FOR SELECTION OF "DRAINAGE BASIN" AS PROPER SCOPE OF WORK. AGREED THAT BROAD PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW ARE APPLICABLE, BUT THAT EVERY RIVER IS DIFFERENT. SAID ISLAMIC LAW ON USE OF RIVERS IS VERY DEVELOPED AND SHOULD BE CONSULTED. AFTER 1-1/2 HOURS, HE ASKED CHAIRMAN IF HE COULD PRESENT SECOND HALF OF SPEECH LATER BECAUSE FEELING ILL.

CHAIRMAN SAID IF HOSNI WANTED SPEAK AGAIN AND ILC RESOLUTION NOT YET ADOPTED, HE WOULD ASK COMMITTEE WHETHER IT HAD ANY OBJECTION TO HEARING REMAINDER OF HOSNI'S STATEMENT.

3. IN OPINION OF DELOFF, HOSNI'S ANTICS CONSTITUTE EMBARRASSMENT FOR ARAB STATES.

4. WE NOT AWARE OF ANY BEATINGS ADMINISTERED TO HOSNI. ONLY POLICE REPORT WE KNOW OF IS AN ALTERCATION BETWEEN HOSNI AND TWO TAXI DRIVERS WHICH FOLLOWED MINOR AUTO ACCIDENT ON OCT 17. HOSNI INDICATED AT THE TIME TO POLICE THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO MAKE AN ISSUE OF THE INCIDENT AND POLICE HAD NO BASIS BELIEVE HE WAS INJURED. HOSNI HAS COMPLAINED TO AMBASSADOR BENNETT OF OTHER INCIDENTS INVOLVING ALTERCATIONS WITH LOCAL POPULACE BUT HE WAS NOT SPECIFIC.  
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